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THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
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**ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Elaine G. Clark, Ph.D.**, professor of history in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters, University of Michigan-Dearborn, retired from active faculty status on April 30, 2011.

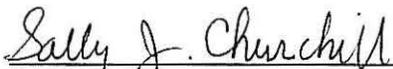
Professor Clark received her A.B. degree from the University of Detroit in 1966, her M.A. degree from Loyola University of Chicago in 1968, and her Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1977. She joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn faculty as an assistant professor in 1980, and was promoted to associate professor in 1985, and professor in 1993.

Professor Clark's area of scholarship focused on the social-legal aspects of local life in Medieval England. More recently, she developed an interest in the field of nineteenth-century English religious history, specifically on the role of Catholics in the campaign for women's suffrage in Victorian England. She has also done considerable archival research on the parish missions of modern English Jesuits and on Jesuits as military chaplains during World War I and II.

Professor Clark's reputation as a teacher on the Dearborn campus is legendary. She received the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Distinguished Teaching Award twice--in 1985 and 1999--and was also honored with a teaching award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards in 1987. Unlike some historians, who have difficulty attracting students to a field they considered too esoteric, Professor Clark was one of the most popular professors on campus, with most of her classes filled to capacity before the start of the semester. Professor Clark chaired the Distinguished Research Award Committee, co-chaired the 2002 Higher Learning Commission Report, served on dean and chancellor search committees, and on the University Scholarship Committee. An extraordinarily caring individual and gifted teacher, Professor Clark has mentored hundreds of students during her lengthy career.

The Regents now salute this dedicated and accomplished teacher and scholar for her service by naming **Elaine G. Clark professor emerita of history**.

**Requested by:**

  
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